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'BLACK HAND' CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

RICH ITALIAN SHOT AT DOOR OF HIS RESIDENCE

While Saying Goodbye to Friends

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—While standing at the door clapping hands with departing friends who had called in celebration of his birthday, three pistol shots fired in quick succession, startled the guests of Frank Massa, one of the wealthiest Italian merchants of Bath Beach, early this morning. Massa lurched forward into the arms of one of his friends, dead. The night had been spent most agreeably. Earlier in the night three strangers engaged Massa in conversation, one of whom was overheard to demand that he "give up." Massa turned from the men and they left, but returned and escaped in the confusion following the shooting. Massa had recently received several threatening letters, signed "Black Hand." The police are searching for the blackmailers and murderers.

DAVIS LIGHT GUARDS MEET

ORGANIZATION IS PLANNING TO ATTEND JAMESTOWN EXPO- SITION NEXT YEAR.

The Davis Light Guard Association held a meeting last night in the Court-house. This organization hopes to attend the Jamestown Exposition next summer in a body. The meeting was held last night to enthuse the members of the company. A similar meeting will be held next Wednesday night. There are forty-two members of the company now living. They are: U. N. Arnett, F. G. Boydston, J. Conner, Eugene Comerford, M. J. Devaney, L. C. Fawcett, C. E. Fleming, F. C. Fleming, A. Howard Fleming, A. Hale Fleming, P. S. Greiner, W. M. Greiner, William Gaskill, F. C. Helmick, Emory Hill, Alex. Hill, C. W. Haymond, A. C. Hall, A. C. Jones, C. O. Jackson, M. A. Jolliffe, Albert Knight, John Kiney, James Kelley, Fred Lott, J. M. McCoy, Frank Miller, C. E. Manley, C. W. Phillips, Wesley Parker, Sam Pickenpugh, Alex. Randle, Frank Sanders, E. E. Shinn, John Thorn, J. E. Watson, S. L. Watson, C. E. Watts, Jim Watkins, Benjamin Weatherwax, Bill Wallace, Tom Murphy, Thomas O. Carpenter, A. J. Dick, Ed. Jenkins, Zed Prichard, John Short.

HAD BIG LOAD OF DYNAMITE

LOOSE TEAM STARTED TROT- TING ON CROWDED STREET WITH DEATH DEALING LOAD.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 13.—A loose team started trotting up Third avenue at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon causing some excitement among drivers of vehicles on the crowded thoroughfare. Finally a policeman stopped the team which was attached to a heavy laden wagon. It was discovered that the wagon contained a load of dynamite—forty-three hundred pounds—and it had been consigned to a contractor in Fayette county. The driver became excited while en route to the freight station and left his team standing on the crowded street. Finally they started off and when caught were trotting at a rapid rate on the crowded street. The driver has not been seen.

King Oscar III.
LONDON, Dec. 13.—A Stockholm dispatch to the Central News states that King Oscar, of Sweden, is critically ill of heart trouble.

Man and Woman Met Death From Gasoline a Explosion At New Martinsville Last Evening

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 13.—In a gasoline explosion in the cleaning and dyeing works of Frank Gerber about 2:30 yesterday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Gerber met a horrible death. The building, which is located on Main street in the central part of the city was rendered a total wreck. Work of cleaning was in progress in the front room of the building when the explosion occurred. The couple, who were at work, were completely covered with the flames. Mrs. Gerber, with rare presence of mind, made her way out of the building, but her clothing caught fire and the flames were flying far above her head when she reached the street. She was burned from head to foot, but lived until six o'clock. The couple's two children were in the building, but were rescued by the volunteer firemen, who quickly re-

sponded. The dead body of Mr. Gerber was found after the fire was over. He evidently fell near the door while endeavoring to get out of the burning building. Everything possible was done to save the life of Mrs. Gerber, but without avail. The loss on the building and stock will amount close to \$2,000. It was believed at first that the owner of the establishment, Gerber, had escaped from the building. After the firemen had succeeded in extinguishing the flames, the charred remains were found lying face downward in a rear room of the building. Every particle of clothing was burned from the body. On the second floor of the building, Claude Workman and his wife resided. The wife escaped, but all of the household goods were consumed. Gerber was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and came to this city from Cincinnati. He was aged about forty years.

DECLARED OFF

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE
OF EAST LIVERPOOL P. O. M.
TEAM TERMINATED.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 13.—The deal for the franchise of the East Liverpool P. O. M. league baseball team which has been pending for some time between the East Liverpool Exhibition Company and Frank S. Haller, of Allegheny, and ex-Sheriff John Koebert, of Waynesburg, Pa., is off. Haller and Koebert met the exhibition company committee and apparently agreed to its terms. It was expected that the bond would be signed yesterday, but the visitors, after deliberating the matter over night, concluded they did not want the franchise at all. Mr. Haller stated that the sudden termination of the conference was due to the big salaries paid the local players, which exceeded some paid to many players in the big leagues. He feared that the venture could not be made to pay. He and Mr. Koebert believed they could do much better by acquiring the McKeesport franchises, as that city seems to be destined to succeed Cumberland in the league. The prospects now are that the local club will be managed by local men, as it was last year.

ADVANCE GRANTED

EMPLOYEES OF ADAMS EXPRESS
COMPANY IN CENTRAL DIS-
TRICT GET 10 PER CENT.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 13.—The announcement has been made by the Adams Express Company that the wages of the employees of the company employed in the central district, which includes practically all that territory in the central States, have been advanced 10 per cent. The advance dating from November 1st, and the first payment being made in checks issued in the December pay. The company is reported to have over 3,000 employees in the central district, which includes office men, train messengers, drivers, clerks and officials. The increase in the wages came without previous public announcement until the pay rolls were returned from the office of the division superintendents to the hundreds of local offices.

Battle Fought

EARLY TO-DAY IN MOUNTAIN
PASS—THIRTY-FIVE KILLED
AND MANY WOUNDED.

BELGRADE, Servia, Dec. 13.—Thirty-five men were killed outright and hundreds wounded in a desperate battle fought in a mountain pass near Glakovic, Macedonia, just before day break to-day. About two thousand Albanian tribesmen were engaged for nearly three hours.

Buried Today

FUNERAL OF MRS. HUNSAKER
TOOK PLACE TO-DAY—INTER-
MENT AT CLAREMONT
CEMETERY.

This morning at 11 o'clock funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. Elmina Hunsaker, at the family residence on Monroe street. Rev. Droomfield, of the Methodist Protestant church, pastor of the deceased, conducted the services and was assisted by Rev. G. D. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church. The services were largely attended by the friends and relatives of the deceased in this city and from the surrounding country and a number of relatives from a distance were also present. They were Mr. Robert Sipe, of Rochelle, Ill., a son of the deceased, Mrs. John Price, of Wheeling, a niece, Mr. Jess Mayhew, of Barnesville, Ohio, and Mr. Ross Koffman, of Bellaire, Ohio. After the services the funeral cortege left for Eldora where the remains were laid to rest in the Claremont cemetery.

IN CALIFORNIA

DR. AND MRS. P. B. OGDEN ARE
ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN
THE FAR WEST.

In a letter from Dr. P. B. Ogden to Assistant Postmaster W. H. Brand, the doctor states that he and Mrs. Ogden are now in Pasadena, California, twelve miles east of Los Angeles. He also states that they are having weather there now like we have here in May or June; that flowers are in full bloom and that oranges are getting ripe. He says that Mrs. Ogden is improving and that the duration of their stay depends upon the condition of Mrs. Ogden. Any one wanting to communicate with Dr. Ogden should address him at Pasadena, in care of the Allegany, corner Villa street and N. Raymond, 490.

MAGIC CITY

SPRINGS UP AT JUNCTURE OF
& O. AND NEW TIDEWATER
RAILROADS.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 13.—A number of prominent New York people with President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, are at Whitteberry, W. Va., at the juncture of the Chesapeake & Ohio and new Tidewater railroads, on an inspection tour. The town is controlled by the New River Collieries Company, has been started within the last six months, now has 1,000 inhabitants, and expects to have 5,000 within a year. The coal veins are nearly double in thickness those of the New River field.

PRIESTS HOLD MASS WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY

Must Answer for Their Actions

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Since six o'clock this morning masses have been held in all the French Catholic churches at frequent intervals. Except for the evident strain and expectancy, there was nothing beyond the unusual crowds to indicate the crisis. At all the churches government agents were present to get the names of the officiating priests. Later sixty-nine priests were summoned to the prefecture of police to answer the charge of saying mass without legal authority. Both sides are doing everything possible to win public opinion. "Persecution" and "Confiscation" are the words used by the Catholic party. "Patriotism" and "No outside interference with affairs of Frenchmen" are the slogans of the anti-clerical party. Anxiety now centers on how far the government will proceed against the recalcitrant priests.

HOME FROM HUNTINGTON

MRS. WILLIAMS AND MR. CONA-
WAY RETURN FROM HOTEL
KEEPERS' MEETING.

Mrs. B. G. Williams and J. F. Conway, who represented the hotel keepers of this city in the annual meeting of the West Virginia Hotel Association at Huntington, returned this morning greatly pleased with their trip and the work done by the association. The meetings of the association were held and the banquet was served at the Frederick Hotel. Six of the best hotels in the State were visited; namely, the Frederick, at Huntington, the Glendale, at Kenaville, the Kanawha, at Charleston, the Spencer at Point Pleasant, the Chancellor at Parkersburg and the Waldo at Clarksburg.

The Kanawha and the Ruffner Hotels, at Charleston, are both undergoing repairs, but will be finished before the members of the Senate and House of Delegates go to the capital. The Kanawha will be run on the European plan and the Ruffner will be run on both the American and European plan.

Wellsburg Boy Dies of Burns

CHILD REACHED FOR MITTENS
BEFORE FIRE AND CLOTHES
CAUGHT FROM THE
BLAZE.

WHEELING, Dec. 13.—Russell Lucas, the two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucas, of near Wellsburg, Brooke county, died yesterday as the result of fatal burns he received on the morning previous. The child was in great agony to the time of his death, and this after shock had really more to do with the child's demise than the fire.

The small boy had been playing about the home, so it appears, and finally desiring a pair of mittens, which the mother had laundered and placed before the fire to dry, reached for them. In this action his clothing ignited and before help could reach him the child was a mass of fire. This was smothered as quickly as possible and medical attention summoned. The injuries included burns about the head, arms and body. The child was unusually bright and in his loss the family have the sympathy of all who knew the child. The funeral arrangements as yet have not been made.

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INTERESTING INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS

Captain Jack Crawford, the Poet Scout, to Be Here—Has Already Been Engaged by Local Elks

The local lodge of Elks is making preparations to bring Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, to this city on December 29, to deliver a lecture. The lecture will be given at the Grand Opera House under the auspices of the Elks and the proceeds will be placed in the "Charity Fund."

Captain Crawford has already been engaged and he will be here on the date named. On Sunday following Captain Crawford will likely give his "Western Campfire" in the interest of the same fund.

Sam R. Nuzum, Dr. D. P. Fitch, R. T. Cunningham, Samuel Leeper and John L. Lehman compose the committee on arrangements.

One of the great principles of the Elks is the dispensing of charity without ostentation. A great amount of charitable work is done by this order that is not known to the public. Committees are appointed to inquire and to ascertain in the city, who are in need of anything. These cases are reported and acted upon as the circumstances demand. To some families groceries are given, to others fruits, nuts and candies are distributed to the children; others may receive a

load of coal. The peculiar wants of the needy are supplied so far as the Elks can find out. In order that they may reach people in destitute circumstances that otherwise might escape their vigilant inquiry the Elks have the churches to report any families that they know that are in want.

Never since the Elks have had a lodge in this city has there been less than one hundred dollars in money, goods or otherwise distributed to the poor of this city at Christmas time. Sometimes much more has been expended. But this work does not go on just at Christmas time when the holiday humor is prevalent but this same spirit of altruism peculiar to so many at Yuletide lasts with the Elks during the whole year. Many are the cases that are brought to the notice of this benevolent order during all seasons of the year and all are aided. All of the money that is placed in the "Charity Fund" is used in this way. Not a cent can go for any other purpose. And in order that the Elks may reach a greater number of worthy needy people they bring one of the best known men among the entertainers of the United States to our city to assist them in a most worthy cause.

Depositors Will Lose Nothing

WAYNESBURG BANK CLOSED
TEMPORARILY, BUT WILL
OPEN AGAIN SOON.

The closing of the doors of the Farmers and Drovers' bank at Waynesburg yesterday caused much talk in this city, but upon due inquiry it was ascertained that none of our banks are in any way involved, nor does the closing affect any local people so far as known, except that one person here owns a small amount of stock, says the Morgantown Chronicle.

Bank Examiner Cunningham arrived in Waynesburg on the 10 o'clock train yesterday and by order of the comptroller of the currency closed the doors of the bank. There was no excitement about it and no one believes but that the trouble is only temporary and that the bank's condition is safe.

The trouble came by loaning up too close to the margin in the present tight condition of the money market. The bank's capital stock is \$200,000 and the directors are personally liable for twice that amount. The surplus and undivided profits are \$550,000, which makes a safety fund of \$850,000, which is almost equal to the amount of the deposits, so that this makes the depositors safe.

The bank has about \$1,800,000 on loans, and has but a small amount of overdrafts. The loans are only \$20,000 beyond the reserve. The total resources of the bank are considerably in excess of \$2,000,000.

The general opinion is that there was no necessity of closing the bank as its condition was better this morning at the opening than for several days past.

There is no cashier at present, J. B. F. Rinehart having resigned some months ago and his successor not yet being elected. Senator D. S. Walton is president; J. B. F. Rinehart, vice president, and Harry George, a cousin of Bank Examiner Cunningham, is assistant cashier.

All believe the bank will be open for business again soon.

Burglar Caught

DEPUTY SHERIFFS HAD RUNNING
FIGHT WITH MASKED MEN
TO-DAY.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Hundreds of shots were fired early to-day in a running fight between deputy sheriffs and three masked burglars who had dynamited the postoffice at Newark Valley, ten miles north of here. One burglar was captured. They secured stamps worth two hundred dollars.

Read the Daily West Virginian.

COACH ON FIRE

QUITE AN EXCITEMENT WAS
CAUSED BY FLAMES IN A
PULLMAN THIS MORN-
ING.

The Pullman coach "Zeta" attached to train No. 7, west bound, scheduled to arrive at the local station 2:24 a. m., caught fire this morning between Grafton and Colfax.

At Colfax a telegram was sent that the coach was on fire and the fire department of the city was called out. When the train arrived here considerable of the floor of the coach was burned. The fire was on the outside and it is thought that a spark from the car wheel ignited the wood. The firemen were not long in extinguishing the flames.

There was considerable excitement on the train, but no one was injured.

JUMPED TRACK

FRONT TRUCK OF NO. 4 LEFT
THE TRACK NEAR DOWNS
LAST NIGHT.

The front truck of the engine of train No. 4 jumped the track at Blackshere's cut, a short distance east of Downs last night, and a serious wreck was narrowly averted. The prompt action of the engineer was all that saved the passengers from being hurt.

There was no one injured, but the passengers were badly shaken up. Outside of the disabling of the engine there was little damage done.

An engine was sent out from here to take the place of the disabled one and brought the train into the local station a little after one o'clock this morning.

DON'T FAIL

TO HEAR REVEREND GEORGE H.
VIBBERT AT M. E. CHURCH,
SOUTH, TO-NIGHT.

Reverend George H. Vibbert, of Massachusetts, whose temperance addresses have so delighted the Fairmont people will speak to-night in the M. E. church, South, at 7:45 o'clock. Those who fail to attend this meeting will miss a rare treat, as no temperance speaker in the United States is better equipped for this special line of work than Mr. Vibbert. His subject to-night will be "The Worth of a Man."

Friday night, December 14th, Mr. Vibbert will speak in the Diamond Street M. E. church, First ward. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Admission free.

LOCAL CONCERN INSTITUTES SUIT IN CIRCUIT COURT

Trouble Over Patent Car Wheel

The Fairmont Mining Machine Company has instituted a suit in the Circuit court in which it seeks to enjoin, prohibit and restrain Thomas G. Aultman from selling or assigning or transferring title to any person, firm or company the exclusive right to manufacture the Aultman patent car wheel. On January 30, 1906, Mr. Aultman was granted a patent on a self lubricating car wheel. In order to get the wheel manufactured and placed upon the market, he offered to divide the profits from the wheel with the Helmick Machine and Foundry Company. The Helmick foundry tried the manufacture of the wheels, but for some reason discontinued it.

The defendant in the suit then applied to the Fairmont Mining Machine Company. The company realized the difficulty in mixing the metals and the construction of the wheels, but thought that if some large concerns in the east were visited enough information could be obtained to make the manufacture profitable. The defendant offered to visit these large concerns for expenses and \$100 were advanced for him.

The company invested in machinery and materials for the manufacture of the wheels. After considerable difficulty it has accomplished a great deal and is now able to manufacture wheels in profitable quantities as is shown by the records of the firm embodied in the bill on which the suit is founded. The bill recites the output of wheels for several months, as follows: May, 60; June, 126; July, 254; August, 855; September, 775; October, 790; and November, 538.

Mr. Aultman receives a royalty of ten cents for each wheel.

The plaintiff avers that the defendant is seeking and threatening to sell the exclusive right to manufacture the wheel to another firm. It prays the court to enjoin the defendant from doing this and to compel the defendant by decree to perform specifically the duties recited in the agreement between the plaintiff and the defendant.

SENATOR SPOONER

HAS BEEN ENGAGED BY GOVERN-
OR DAWSON AS COUNSEL IN
VIRGINIA BOND SUIT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—It is said here that while Governor Dawson was in Washington he saw Senator Spooner and secured his services as one of the counsel of the State in the case of the Virginia bond suit.

The governor had a long talk with Senator Spooner.

The Braxton county tax case is pending, too, but it is not believed that outside talent will be engaged in this suit.

Governor Dawson left town last night and will, it is said, be in Terra Alta to-day.

Postal Matters.
Postmasters appointed: Barn. Mercer county, Thomas F. Brammer; Chestnut, Mason county, John C. Schwartz.

The postoffice at Beachtree, Raleigh county, ordered discontinued after January 2.

Fatal Wreck on Penna.
NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 13.—A rear end collision occurred on the Pennsylvania road, near Rock Point, early to-day. Brakeman Fred Green and William House were in the caboose. Green was instantly killed. House sustained probably fatal injuries. Both victims are from Westmoreland county.

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